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From: Ostrander, David
Sent: Tue 9/8/2015 12:16:56 PM
Subject: Re: Animas High School visit to Silverton

I'll talk to Nancy about it.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 7, 2015, at 8:42 PM, Way, Steven <way.steven@epa.gov> wrote:

David,

I requested assistance onsite and in Silverton with PIO / community involvement to assist with effectively communicating with visitors, town and county information needs. This request was made more than two weeks ago when Chris Wardell left. A guard is all well and good but that's not the most effective / complete approach to interfacing in the situation that we're in.

Steve

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From: Ostrander, David

Sent: Monday, September 07, 2015 6:10 PM
To: Dhieux, Joyel; Press; Grantham, Nancy; Way, Steven; Myers, Craig; Guy, Kerry; Ackerman, Joyce
Cc: Ruhl, Christopher
Subject: RE: Animas High School visit to Silverton

I talked to Nancy and we must implement a guard at the entrance to the command post with instructions on contact for site visits and information. As I explained earlier today, we must control this unrestricted access to the command post and personnel. Please get ER or START to have a guard during working hours at the road entrance to the Gladstone site immediately. No one should be allowed up to the command post until authorized through proper channels.

I know you all don't always understand the reasons for this, but I have explained to Joyce and Joyel the concerns. Once we get through the hearing and inquiry phase things may change, but for now we need all on site personnel to stop engaging with random visitors at the site. Sorry, but we must do this now.

Thanks

From: Dhieux, Joyel
Sent: Monday, September 07, 2015 5:50 PM
To: Press; Grantham, Nancy; Way, Steven; Myers, Craig; Ostrander, David
Subject: Animas High School visit to Silverton

Hi All,

Citizen Name/Ex. 6 stopped by Gladstone this afternoon. The school is incorporating the Gold King Blowout into their history and chemistry classes this fall. They are bringing 75 students to Silverton and then 3 groups (25 students each) up to Cement Creek by Gladstone to collect water samples and to see the general area. The field trip is planned for Thursday Sept 10. They will be in the area that is publicly accessible and not in our work zone.

They understand that we are really busy and may not be available on Thursday. That said, it would be great to have a PIO in Gladstone on Thursday to help answer any questions and to meet with the kids. I told him that we'd be happy to do a school visit later in the fall when the site work slowed down.

Joyel

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